

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2006**

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, January 23, 2006, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street in Bristol, RI. The Chairperson, Marjorie J. McBride, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:18 p.m.

**Present:** Marjorie J. McBride, William A. Estrella, Jr., William M. O'Dell, Thomas E. Skuba, Paul E. Brule, Joyce M. Kinsella, John P. Saviano, Paul Silva and Beverly Z. Travers; Edward P. Mara, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools; Donna Bettencourt-Glavin, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Grants; Jane F. Correia, Director of Administration and Finance; Leslie A. Neubauer, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; and Kevin McAllister, Esq., District Solicitor

**Absent:** none

**OPENING BUSINESS**

All present were invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Mr. O'Dell read the District's Mission Statement.**

### **Accolades**

**A Celebration of National Mentoring Month & Mentoring Excellence Award Presentation, hosted by Governor and Mrs. Carcieri, was held on January 12th at the State House. Our Student Assistance Counselor at Kickemuit Middle School received a Mentoring Excellence Award in recognition of all of the time, energy and talent she gives to the Mentoring Program. Thank you and congratulations to Carolyn Gammell.**

**The Elks Organization conducted an essay contest—the subject: “What I feel when I look up at the American Flag.” The local Elks Lodge received 280 essays from all Barrington, Bristol and Warren schools. The judges were extremely impressed with the essays from our Kickemuit students. In a few weeks these essays will be judged statewide and on the state level, one boy and one girl per grade will receive a \$200 Savings Bond. Congratulations to the following East Bay Winners:**

**7th grade, 2nd place: Matthew Nile**

**Talia King**

**7th grade, 1st place: Victoria Hope**

**8th grade, 2nd place: David Cioe**

**8th grade, 1st place: Mary Francis**

**Congratulations and good luck at the state level.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT - none**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Mr. Silva motioned to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Estrella seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 7 to 0 (Mr. Saviano abstained and Mrs. McBride chose not to vote).**

**Mr. Skuba motioned to seal the minutes to the December 12, December 19 and January 9 Executive Sessions; Mr. Brule seconded; the motion passed 7 to 0 (Mr. Saviano abstained and Mrs. McBride chose not to vote).**

### **BUDGET/FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Mr. Skuba had nothing new to report; a meeting is planned to discuss fiscal issues beyond the District's control, such as bussing, with our legislators and representatives of the Joint Finance Committee on January 30, 2006 in the Superintendent's Office. Mrs. McBride asked to discuss bussing and pension reform and the committee's posture.**

### **POLICY/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Ms. Travers said the Superintendent would like to recommend, through the Policy Subcommittee, a policy for the naming of school facilities. Dr. Mara is recommending a policy exactly like the Conneaut School District's; the first reading will be at the next School**

**Committee meeting.**

## **PERSONNEL / CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Mr. Estrella, acting Chair of this Subcommittee, reported that Dr. Mara is organizing requests for the Council 94 contract; comments should be submitted to the secretary before the end of the week; a meeting is scheduled for next week to review comments.**

## **CHAIRPERSON'S INITIATIVES**

### **Mt. Hope Home Building Project**

**Mrs. McBride reported that she, the Superintendent and Mrs. Vendituoli-Ferreira met and she called a meeting of the Board to discuss the need to finance the land and not lose the \$38,000 deposit, the need to examine the program, and the need to enlist the aid of the RI Home Builders Association. Several offers for funding have been received. At a meeting in Attorney Rego's office, the land owners agreed to wait two more weeks for funding. An offer on the house built last year has been received. The Chair of the RI Home Builders Association is interested in working with the program to assure a construction project each year; Mrs. McBride asked Mr. Silva to participate in these discussions. Mrs. McBride also asked the Superintendent and the high school principal to restructure this program for self-sustainability and a continuous flowing curriculum;**

**she will report out when the house is sold.**

## **BUILDING COMMITTEE (ROCKWELL)**

**Mr. Estrella reported the Certificate of Occupancy was received by the Superintendent last Friday, there is a minimal punch list (fire alarm interface with the existing building), two classrooms of students have moved in, the final budget will be ready at the end of the week, the bus circle and curb cuts are still under development, and the next meeting is Thursday. Dr. Mara said the fourth grade students are very happy and grateful to be in their new classrooms and are the most excited about the lockers; these are the kind of classrooms every student in the District should be in. Mrs. McBride added that the Home Building students are building storage components for the classrooms and are due to be completed by the end of February; the Project Managers for this project are Robert Pugh and John Foster.**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES**

**Recommendation #S 2006-01: Personnel – approved in the Consent Vote**

**A. GCD APPOINTMENT: That the School Committee confirm the Superintendent's appointment of the following applicant to the position of Athletic Director (Part Time) at Mt. Hope High School in**

**accordance with Section GCD of the School Committee Bylaws as follows:**

- 1. Elizabeth A. Penkala Athletic Director (Part Time) – Mt. Hope High**  
**Effective: December 22, 2005, for the remainder**  
**of the 2005-06 school year**  
**Reason: To fill a vacancy (Death – T. Vendituoli)**  
**Funding: Operational Budget**

**B. APPOINTMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the positions listed below:**

- 1. Gaetano M. Murgo Administrative Intern – Mt. Hope High**  
**Effective: Immediately, for the remainder of**  
**the 2005-06 school year only**  
  
**Reason: To fill a new position**  
**Funding: Operational Budget**

- 2. Stacia Jackson Co-Coordinator, Digital Portfolio Project/ Graduation by Proficiency Requirements (Part Time) – Mt. Hope High**  
**Effective: January 3, 2006, for the remainder of**  
**the 2005-06 school year only**  
**Reason: To fill a new position**

**Funding: Carl Perkins Grant**

**3. Colleen O'Connell Special Education Head Teacher/Coordinator -**

**Kickemuit Middle**

**Effective: Immediately**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy (Promotion – L. Anderson)**

**Funding: IDEA Grant**

**4. David R. Nappi Maintenance Man**

**Effective: Immediately, pending satisfactory completion  
of pre-employment requirements**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy (Resignation – E. Ghirardi)**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**5. Michael P. Santos Maintenance Man**

**Effective: Immediately, pending satisfactory completion  
of pre-employment requirements**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**(Retirement – J. Wilcox/Transfer D. Gaulin)**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**C. BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: That the School  
Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to  
appoint the following applicant to the School of the 21st Century,**

**Before and After School Program, as listed below (pending sufficient enrollment to warrant running this program and DCYF CANTS clearance):**

**1. N. Riley O'Connell Child Care Intern (Part Time)**

**Effective: Immediately, for the remainder of  
the 2005-06 school year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient**

**D. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the extracurricular positions listed below for the 2005-06 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):**

**WINTER COACHES**

**Sport Position Coach**

- 1. Basketball (Girls) Asst. Coach Kyle Teixeira \***
- 2. Lacrosse (Boys) Head Coach Scot C. Clark \***
- 3. Tennis (Boys) Head Coach Scott Pellerin**
- 4. Track (Outdoor) Asst. Coach Christopher Mahon**

**HEALTHY HUSKIES WELLNESS CENTER**

- 5. Supervisor (Winter) John Castriotta**



6. Supervisor (Winter) Thomas J. DelSanto
7. Supervisor (Winter) Greg Sullivan
8. Supervisor (Winter) Peter Sullivan

#### **ADVISORS**

9. Yearbook Michael Almeida

#### **INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES – KICKEMUIT MIDDLE**

10. Track (Outdoor) Coach Anthony Daponte

#### **INTRAMURAL COACHES – KICKEMUIT MIDDLE**

11. Volleyball Coach Sarah Crowell

**\* Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

**E. CONTINUING ADULT EDUCATION:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals as instructors for the 2005-06 Continuing Adult Education Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

#### **Name Course**

1. Diane Rabinowitz \* Chinese Writing
2. Julie Sardelli \* Basic Watercolor
3. Ni Ketut Tirta \* Balinese Dance

**\* Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

**F. CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following applications for certified substitutes pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

**CERTIFIED**

**Name Area/Level**

- 1. Ashley Acciardo Elementary**
- 2. Susan J. Allan Elementary**
- 3. Stacey Bird Art**
- 4. Victor G. Cabral, Jr. Mathematics**
- 5. Julie Dearborn Elementary**
- 6. Mathew P. DePasquale Elementary/Sp.Ed.**
- 7. Susan Elliott General Subject Matter**
- 8. Noah Escaler Elementary/Sp.Ed.**
- 9. Cristin M. Fagone Pending**
- 10. Lee Ann Freitas General Subject Matter**
- 11. Margaret M. Johnsen Elementary**
- 12. Lindsay Kappeler Elementary**
- 13. Kimberly Malone Elementary/Sp.Ed.**
- 14. Tracey A. Mulvey General Subject Matter**
- 15. Heather Peck Elementary/Sp.Ed.**
- 16. Christopher A. Souza Social Studies**
- 17. Jennifer Storch General Subject Matter**
- 18. Julie Sullivan Elementary**
- 19. Lori VanAmberg General Subject Matter**
- 20. Rebecca Wingstrom Elementary/Reading/Sp.Ed.**

**G. CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following applications for classified substitutes pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

**TEACHER ASSISTANT**

- 1. Susan Elliott**
- 2. Diana Maciel**

**CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE**

- 3. John H. Wilcox, Sr.**

**H. LEAVES OF ABSENCE:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant leaves of absence as follows:

- 1. Shelly L. Goudreau Special Educator - Byfield**

**Effective: April 24, 2006 through end of the  
2005-06 school year**

**Reason: Parental leave in accordance with**

**Article 21, Section L2 of the Master**

**Agreement**

## **2. Carolyn F. Bucolo Secretary - Rockwell**

**Effective: December 22, 2005, up to one year  
pending release from physician**

**Reason: Leave in accordance with Article 20  
of the Master Agreement**

**I. RESIGNATION: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Irene Rodrigues from the position of Secondary Mathematics Teacher as listed below:**

### **1. Irene Rodrigues Mathematics Teacher – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: End of the 2005-06 school year**

**Reason: Personal**

**Recommendation #S2006-02: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a request for home schooling of a twelfth grader, adhering to all requirements as set forth by the Bristol Warren Regional School District. Mr. Estrella motioned to approve; Mr. O'Dell seconded. Mrs. Glavin explained that the student is allowed to attend school activities but cannot receive a Mt. Hope diploma. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Recommendation #S 2006-03: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the new School**

## **Committee Policy Naming School Facilities (First Reading)**

**Tabled to next meeting.**

### **ACTION: Architectural Services for Colt Andrews Bond Project**

**Mr. Saviano motioned to table to the next School Committee meeting; Mrs. Kinsella seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Update on Graduation Requirements**

**Mrs. Vendituoli-Ferreira explained that the first class subject to the new requirements is the Class of 2008, the present sophomore class. Requirements are proficiency-based and are more performance-based than content-based; 50% of the mid-term exam had to be performance-based, this will continue and they will become part of the student's digital portfolio. A parent portfolio night is planned for Thursday to see their child's portfolio and a few sessions with Class of 2008 and 2009 parents have been held. An audit of the students' portfolios will take place so as not to leave anyone behind and provide opportunity to catch up if necessary; in the spring a portfolio review committee will be formed. Mrs. Vendituoli explained that the issue is very complex and involved but we are making good headway.**

### **Spelling Bee**

**Mrs. McBride commented that the Spelling Bee was interesting and**

**nicely done, the students had a good time and she thanked everyone who participated and judged.**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:55 PM**

**In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mr. Silva motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:55 PM to discuss three (3) student suspensions, the Assistant Superintendent position, the Document Review and the Administrators' contracts. Mr. O'Dell seconded. The motion passed unanimously. When the meeting reconvenes a vote may be taken on the student discipline issues.**

#### **RESUMPTION OF MEETING – 8:52 PM**

**Discussed in Executive Session were the issues mentioned above.**

**MOTION: Mr. Estrella motioned to approve the Superintendent's recommendation on the discipline issues of three (3) students. Mrs. Kinsella seconded; the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT – 8:54 PM**

**There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Estrella, seconded by Ms. Travers, motioned to adjourn at 8:54 PM. The vote was unanimous.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**William M. O'Dell, Secretary**

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